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Back to School.

It is highly gratifying to note that the great army of Oregon boys and girls, who resumed their places in the local schools, Monday, was equally as large as a year ago. The large enrollment in the high school is particularly pleasing, though there appears to be a decrease in the enrollment of Seniors.

The figures for enrollment in the graded schools will not be available for several days, but all the signs indicate that they will show an enrollment equal to that of last year, and that every child whose parents are able to keep him in school will avail himself of the opportunities afforded by one of the very best public school systems in the country.

Prof. Thornton, our new superintendent, comes with the very best credentials, and has thus far made a very favorable impression upon our people, and seems to take hold of his work like a veteran. He is ably assisted by Miss Hughes as principal, and Misses Agee and Quick as assistants.

The grades, in a larger part, are in the hands of experienced teachers, while but two are new ones among us, but they have splendid credentials, and we believe they will, in every way, prove capable and efficient.

Former Resident Dies.

Mrs. Rebecca S. Oren, 79 years old, widow of Isaiah Oren, died at her home in St. Joseph, Friday of last week, Sept. 2. She is survived by two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Myrtle N. Stevens, Kansas City; Mrs. India P. Davis, Graham, Mo.; Edgar G. and Jacob L., of St. Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Oren formerly resided near New Point, and many years ago removed to St. Joseph, where Mr. Oren died February 20, 1906.

Teachers' Institute a Good One.

The teachers' institute, which was held last Friday and Saturday, Sept. 2 and 3, proved to be a great success. Many teachers and board members were present, and heard good speakers discuss school administration, supervision and legislation. The speakers for the occasion were: Hon. Uel Lampkin, president of our Teachers' College at Maryville; Hon. Sam F. O'Fallon, the speaker of the House of Representatives; Dr. Walker, the editor of the Community and School, at Columbia, and being associated with the Teachers' Association; Prof. Lee H. Griffin, of Kansas City. Some of the other speakers were: Supt. Skelton, of New Point; Supt. Thornton, of Oregon; Miss Mae Long, the county Home Demonstration Agent; Mr. Ross Nichols, County Farm Agent; Miss Nellie Milne and Dr. Chandler.

August, 1921, Marriages.

Recorder Simpson only had an opportunity to issue three marriage licenses during the month of August, and he feels grateful to them for patronizing "home industry."

There were several couples, however, that went to St. Joseph, and were made life partners.

Mary A. Bruntmeyer and Walter A. Owen were married in Holyoke, Colo., August 21.

Chas. Degginger, of Craig, and Lea M. Seabury, of Peru, Neb., at Plattsmouth, Neb., Aug. 8.

T. J. Gambrel and Mrs. Lee Davis, of Bigelow, in St. Joseph, August 31.

Geo. V. Hinkle and Alda M. Coffman, of Forest City, Aug. 10, by Rev. J. W. Howerton.

Don M. Hunt, Oregon, and Lillian Bohannon, of Washington, D. C., in Washington, August 27.

Edward F. Haigler, of Bigelow, and Marie Ashworth, of Maitland, in St. Joseph, Sept. 1.

Milton M. Manry and Blanche Younger, of Maitland, in St. Joseph, August 8.

Mrs. Minnie Nowles, of Mound City, and E. J. Oxley, of Bedford, Iowa, in Mound City, Aug. 9, by Rev. Lynn E. Jones.

Columbus Ritchey, of Mound City, and Mrs. Lizzie Walden, of Forest City, Aug. 4, by Rev. Lynn E. Jones.

Herman Schulte, Oregon, and Florence Allen, of Delta, Colo., in Delta, July 24.

August, 1921, Weather.

We had a cool August this year, 1921, as compared with the normal, which is 76 degrees, while this year the mean was 73, and in 1920 the mean was 71. The hottest days this year was 95 on the 19th, and the hottest last year was 91 on the 6th and 8th. In 1918 we had five days that the temperature went up from 100 to 110, the hottest being 110 degrees on the 4th and 108 on the 3d.

The normal rainfall for August is 4.19 inches; this year we had only 3.34 inches—85 or 90 per cent short of what we should have had, but by taking June, July and August into account, we have had a total of 12.92 inches, while the normal for these three summer months is 12.86 inches. In 1895 we had 8.30 inches in August; 4.9 in 1909, and .53 in 1913.

The extremes for August, 1921, were:

Max.	Min.
1.....91	2.....58
12.....90	3.....58
19.....95	4.....61
22.....92	7.....64
24.....94	8.....60
30.....90	14.....55
Mean maximum, 86. Mean minimum, 61. Mean, 73. Precipitation, 3.34; greatest in 24 hours, 1.80 on the 2d. Maximum, 95 on the 19th; minimum, 54 on the 3d and 7th. Rainbow on the 15th.	



JUDGE W. J. RANDALL.

Death of Judge Randall.

In the death of W. J. (Wood) Randall, who served as county judge for the northern district of our county, during the years, 1917-18, Holt county loses one of its most sterling citizens and progressive farmers, a man esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and one who was ever the ideal husband and indulgent father. He was one of those who believed in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. He was ever ready to meet you on the square and part with you on the level. He had many friends all over our county who will regret most keenly his death.

Judge Randall was born in what is now Powell county, Kentucky, October 19, 1848, and died at his home in Union township, Tuesday, August 30, 1921, in the 73d year of his age. In 1851, his parents located in Platte county, locating near Weston. The family later moved to Nowaday county, near where Burlington Junction is now located.

The family then came to Holt county, locating near the old Banks warehouse, south of Forest City, and from there they went to Kansas, where his father entered 160 acres, near Hiawatha. The war came on, and his father died, and Mr. Randall and his widowed mother and her children returned to Nowaday county, where they remained until 1867, when the mother and family came to Holt county, and located two miles south of Craig—coming there the year prior to the building of the railroad, and here Mr. Randall had struggled along these 54 years, esteemed and respected by everybody, and the fact that he carried the Second district, when he made the race for county judge in 1916, the district being normally Republican, speaks volumes for his standing among his fellow-men of the district.

On his birthday in 1887, he led to the altar, Fannie, a daughter of the late T. J. Perkins, and she, with five children, survive. These are: Jack D. Carlisle, M. Winnie, Mrs. Virginia Drewes, and General. All these children have ever remained under the old roof tree shade, excepting Mrs. Drewes, who resides east of Craig. He also has one grandson and a brother, S. M. Randall, of Verdon, Neb., who survives him.

Funeral services were held from the family home on Thursday last, Sept. 1, conducted by Elder G. W. Maxwell, a former pastor of the Christian church, of Craig, Mr. Randall having been a member of that church for many years; after which the Masonic order of Craig took charge, he having also been a member of Craig Lodge for many years, and he was laid away with the honors of this order. The will of God is accomplished; so mote it be; amen.

Teachers' Reception.

In order that the teachers in our schools for the coming year may feel at home, and have a chance to get acquainted with the parents and patrons of the schools, a reception will be given our teachers, under the auspices of the Community League, at the high school auditorium, Friday evening, September 9th.

The following program, beginning promptly at 8 o'clock, will be given: Song, America. Invocation, Rev. Smith. Vocal solo, selected, Mrs. J. B. Hinde.

Short talk, "Our Interest in the Schools," Mr. Frank L. Zeller. Piano selections—Etude (Chopin); Arabesque, Reflets dans l'eau (Debussy)—Miss Mary Moore.

Address, "Welcome to the Teachers," Mr. Wm. P. Schulte.

Response, Superintendent J. F. Thornton.

Vocal duet, selected, Mrs. H. M. Dungan and Miss Cora Frye.

Social hour. Every one is invited to attend, and especially the teachers, members of the high school, parents, and patrons of our school. The success of our school year depends on a good start, and we know that our community will welcome the opportunity to meet and talk with the teachers on next Friday evening.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE.

—F. W. Sayer, foreman for the Standard Bridge Co., of Omaha, has about completed the steel bridge, near the Richville school house; Engineer Locks is seeing that the work is done according to the specifications.

New Teachers' Certificates.

A standard life certificate for teachers throughout the United States, acceptable in all states, may be the outcome of the efforts of our state superintendent of schools, Sam A. Baker, who recently wrote to the state superintendents in all of the forty-eight states on the subject. He has received replies from forty-one of the forty-eight, and almost without exception these educational heads in other states favor the plan as outlined by Superintendent Baker.

"A standard life certificate would not only be of great assistance to those in the teaching profession," Superintendent Baker says, "but would be of great assistance to the superintendents in the various states. All of the state superintendents who expressed their ideas on the advisability of such a standard certificate were strongly in favor of the plan, except two, who were not so enthusiastic although they were not absolutely opposed."

The formation of a definite plan for standardizing the life certificate will be undertaken by a committee of the department of state superintendents of the National Educational Association, Mr. Baker stated. He is a member of this committee and is at the present time formulating a tentative plan. The conclusions of the committee will be presented to the superintendents at the meeting of the national association at New Orleans next February.

"If the plan devised by the committee is not acceptable to the superintendents, at the annual meeting, Superintendent Baker said, 'federal authorities' will probably be asked to have standard requirements formulated by the national education commissioner, such requirements to apply to the entire country."

Road Bond Bill Approved.

Governor Hyde has signed the bill enacted by the special session of the general assembly, providing for machinery for the sale of the \$600,000,000 bonds, voted at the general election in 1920. Under the terms of this act, \$10,000,000 of the bonds will be issued and sold early in the year 1923, and \$5,000,000 each year thereafter until the entire amount of \$60,000,000 has been issued and sold.

The bonds will bear 5 per cent interest and the act requires they cannot be sold under 95 per cent of the face value, this 5 per cent discount to include all commissions and other costs of handling the bonds.

One of the provisions of the act is that the bonds may be sold in lots as small as \$50,000, either at public or private sale.

"I would like very much to be able to change one date in this law," said Governor Hyde, as he approved the measure. "If I had the power I would make the first issue of \$10,000,000 of the bonds available at once, so that we could proceed at once with inauguration of the road building program."

August, 1921, Births.

The Sentinel's record of births during the month of August, 1921:

Bailey, Reed and wife, August 1, a girl.

Bivins, Robert and wife, twins, boy and girl, August 25.

Drake, Henry T. and wife, July 24, son.

Greene, Wick and wife, August 12, girl.

Gray, Edgar and wife, August 15, boy.

Harrington, Edgar and wife, August 13, son.

Heine, Richard and wife, August 18, son.

Meyer, Walter and wife, August 9, son.

Meadows, L. J. and wife, August 9, boy.

Price, Dale and wife, July 31, son.

Taylor, Henry and wife, August 10, boy.

Whipple, Lloyd and wife, August 23, girl.

Voltmer, F. W. and wife, August 25, son.

Up in 1922.

Missouri may vote on its new constitution at the general election in November, 1922, according to the opinion of the knowing ones.

Governor Hyde has not yet called the election of delegates for the constitutional convention, provided for at the special election August 2, 1921. It is expected, however, that this will be done before the last of November. This would make a spring meeting of the delegates possible and the deliberations could be as long as desired.

The completion of the work of the convention by November would make it possible for the voters to pass on the draft at the fall election and its acceptance would mean that the 20-year fight to place Missouri in its proper rank as a modern state would have been concluded successfully.

Quickly Said and Done.

The sheriff of Atchison County, Tuesday evening of last week, notified Sheriff Seeman that he wanted a party charged with stealing tires and tubes and a Ford cushion from parties in Watson.

The very next morning, Sheriff Seeman drove to Forbes, and picked up a party named Greenlee, who had come to Forbes to visit relatives and friends, as the party wanted by the Atchison county sheriff. Sheriff Seeman broke up the visit by bringing Greenlee to Oregon, and notified the Atchison sheriff, who came and took the prisoner to Rock Port.

Holt Got There.

The Missouri Ruralist in its write-up of the State Centennial Fair, at Sedalia, has the following in its issue of September 1:

"Keen rivalry for the attendance pep trophy was in evidence from the first day. While Saline county lead from the beginning and never was headed, Jasper, Johnson and Livingston county folks made the race interesting."

As explained in the Missouri Ruralist, the trophy was awarded on a point basis, counties being grouped in zones. The showing of Livingston, Jasper, Holt and Andrew really is more remarkable than that of counties adjoining Pettis. The registration totaled 32,891 and 110 of the 114 counties were represented. Shannon, Dunklin, Douglas and Bollinger were the only counties showing no registration. Here are the 10 leading counties and the standing:

Saline	5,041 points
Jasper	1,898 points
Johnson	1,400 points
Livingston	1,321 points
Pettis	988 points
Andrew	787 points
Randolph	741 points
Cooper	713 points
Jackson	675 points
Holt	648 points

From an attendance standpoint, the most encouraging thing was the thousands who came from North Missouri, in years gone by an Iowa State Fair stronghold. Ten years ago it was a rare thing to find a North Missourian at Sedalia. Close to Iowa—and proud of it—they were Missourians in name and Iowans at heart. Moreover, in the attendance contest conducted by M. V. Carroll for the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce, Atchison county won first prize, \$200; Holt, second, \$150; Clay, third, \$75, and Andrew fourth, \$25. These prizes were awarded on a population as well as distance basis. The Missouri State Fair has rendered a great service in awakening state pride. Old Settlers' Day brought out hundreds of Missourians who have journeyed in the shadows for many years. The \$25 prize to the oldest visitor went to Jacob Hunter, a Sedalia negro, who convinced Secretary Carroll and his associates that his given age of 104 is correct and true.

Uncle John C. Hinkle, of Fortescue, now 84 years of age was the oldest native born Missourian to attend from Holt County.

The Aunt Jimma baking club of Fortescue, was given second place of honor, in baking demonstration, making a peach short cake from California peaches, the prize of \$25 to help pay the winning club's expenses, coming from the California Peach Growing Association.

Hester Bunker, of Fortescue and Alta Watts, of Forest City represented the club, by making the cake, and it was some cake—they say.

Nellie May, of Forest City, won the blue ribbon on the girls' sewing class; she won on the making of a pair of bloomers.

Obituary.

Mary Jane Watson was born in Adams County, Ohio, September 14, 1842, and died at Mound City, Mo., August 29, aged 78 years, 11 months and 15 days. She was united in marriage with Jacob Moser, November 7th, 1867, and to this union nine children were born, all of whom grew to mature years. Her husband and daughter, Lila, with two sons, Bindi and George, have preceded her to the Great Beyond. Those living are Mrs. W. D. Kunkel, of Mayfield, Colo.; Mrs. W. C. Stevenson, of Oregon, Mo.; Wm. J. of Lewistown, Mont.; Mrs. H. S. Pew, of Pocahontas, Idaho; Orville and Ralph, of Clarinda, Iowa.

She was baptized in the M. E. church, when an infant. In later years she became identified with the Methodist Protestant church in the Blair district, where the family resided so many years.

She made her home with her daughter, Mary, for some time, and although she did not keep house regularly, she had two rooms with Mrs. McCaskey, in Mound City which she kept furnished so that she could come and visit her old friends and use the things she loved so much. It was here that she came three weeks ago to spend her last few days on earth.

She had been failing in health for a year or more, but was bedfast only a few days. Not knowing she was dangerously ill, her sons, Orville and Ralph, with their families had come to visit her. They, with her daughter, Mrs. Stevenson, were with her when she breathed her last.

Not only was she a good Christian woman, but a loving and devoted mother, and a friend to all who knew her. Although she will be greatly missed, the memory of her patience, kindness and christian life will remain with her friends and loved ones.

So died Mary Jane Moser, splendid, true-hearted, white-lipped woman of God. The world is better because she lived in it, and her memory will be a blessing to all who knew her.

The funeral service was held at the South Bethel church at 2:30, p. m., Thursday, September 1, 1921, conducted by the Rev. Lynn E. Jones, and the remains were laid to rest beside her husband and father.

—Mrs. Sarah Ramsay has returned from her visit with that hospitable relative, at Holyoke, Colorado. Although past her four-score years, she made the journey as easy as one of thirty.



MRS. MARY A. NEVINS.

A Long, Sweet Life.

After a long, sweet life of more than four score and ten years, Mary A. Nevins (Aunt Mandy) has laid down her burdens, and crossed over to the other side, where the weary cease from troubling.

Mary A. Nevins was born in Wilkesboro, N. C., January 23, 1828, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clara Kneale in Hickory township, Monday, August 29, 1921, in the 94th year of her age. Her parents were William and Ruth Campbell, who in the year, 1829, emigrated to Morgan county, Illinois, near the town of Waverly.

In 1844, on this old Illinois homestead, she became the wife of Robert Sims. The husband died in 1850 leaving the widow with two sons, Willis A. of Fort Scott, Kansas, and children and 23 great-grandchildren.

In November, 1852, she became the wife of Thomas V. Nevins. To this union two children were born Clara Nevins-Kneale, of New Point, and Alexander, who died in childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Nevins came to Holt County in 1851, where they entered 320 acres of land in the King Grove district, where Mr. Nevins died in May, 1907.

Although only three of her children reached the age of maturity, she has been blessed with some thirty grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Almost a score of orphan children have, at different times made their home with Mother Nevins. They have stayed from six months to 35 years. Those who have stayed the longest under her roof tree shade were Chas. Nevins, of Maitland, and Clara Campbell, now Mrs. Clara Maupin, of Texas, who with Mrs. Kneale and one son by her first marriage, J. J. Sims, of Waverly, Ills., survive her.

She united with the Christian church in 1840—81 years ago, at Waverly, Illinois, and has ever been faithful and loyal to her church all these four score years.

Since her widowhood, she has made her home with her children, who have been ever loyal and true to her.

Impressive funeral services were held Thursday of last week from the Maitland Christian church, conducted by Rev. M. M. Goole, of St. Joseph, assisted by Elder S. D. Harlan, of Graham. The burial was in the K. P. cemetery, of Maitland.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere appreciation for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary A. Nevins; also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

J. J. SIMS.

CLARA A. KNEALE,
CHAS. R. NEVINS,
AND GRANDCHILDREN.

He Sleeps Well.

Back in the early days of our city, the Ball family were residents of Oregon. Wm. Ball was a veteran of the Civil and Mexican Wars, and they died in our city. Their sons and daughters scattered, and John and wife went to St. Joseph, where he and wife, Binda Ball, reared a family, in which was a son, Howard, who enlisted in the 140th Infantry, at St. Joseph, and went overseas in the great World War, where he gave his all.

Last week the body of Howard was returned to St. Joseph, and he was given a military funeral, Sunday of this week, in South St. Joseph, where his widowed mother resides.

Many of our people, especially Henry Cook, Dr. Evans, the Junior of this paper and others will remember John Ball, the father and mother of the deceased soldier, with school day recollections.

School Notes.

School is starting off nicely with an enrollment of one hundred and ninety-two pupils in the grades, and ninety high school pupils. French has been added to the curriculum as an elective subject. All conflicts have been removed, and an attitude of work has been assumed by the majority of the pupils.

August, 1921, Real Estate.

The real estate business of Holt county is still on the bum, and only \$18,482 in warranty deals were consummated, while for August, 1920, they reached a total of \$55,000. The releases filed for August, just passed, were twice as large as they were for the same period a year ago. This, to say the least, is encouraging, as it points to less inclination to buy and a strong disposition to liquidate.

A GOOD MEETING.

21st Annual Convention of the Holt County Sunday School Association.

The 21st annual convention of the Holt County Sunday School Association was held at the Christian church in Mound City, opening at 9:30 a. m., August 31, and closing at 4:00 p. m., September 1st.

More than 240 delegates, who registered, were most hospitably entertained by the people of Mound City. Forty of the Sunday schools of Holt county were represented, the Sunday school at Napier having the largest number of delegates remaining through the entire convention.

Miss Harriet Edna Beard, state children's division superintendent, and Mr. Carl Asmus, state field secretary, gave splendid addresses at each session.

Rev. Malloy, pastor of the Christian church at Mound City, gave a very helpful half hour Bible study each day, using the disciple, Andrew, as his subject.

Wednesday afternoon was largely given over to the four separate divisional conferences; the children's division at the M. E. church, led by Mrs. Terhune, assisted by Miss Beard; young people's division, at Presbyterian church, led by Miss Lawrence, assisted by our Lake Geneva boys and girls and others; the adult division, Mr. S. M. Coffman in charge, at the Baptist church, Mrs. Leigh Wilson and Mr. Asmus assisting. Mr. Earl Wilson, assisted by Rev. Frank Ward, of Fairfax; Miss Della Prather and Mr. Asmus were leaders of the administration division conference at the Christian church. The lively interest in the open discussions at each of these conferences is evidence that our people are anxious to take any steps for the betterment of our Sunday schools.

Wednesday night the church was filled to overflowing. The program began with a community sing and three saxophone numbers by the Shumate Brothers, of Forest City.

Miss Beard gave the main address of the evening, "Our Debt to Childhood." The evening closed with the impressive pageant, "The Rights of the Child," given by the Mound City Sunday schools.

Thursday morning was the business session of the convention, reports of county officers, the committees and election of officers. The officers elected were: President, Ethel Gaskill, Craig; vice-president, J. P. Lacey, Oregon; secretary-treasurer, Mary Green, Craig; administration division, T. E. Wilson, Oregon; adult, S. M. Coffman, Forest City; young people, Tracy Blevins, Forest City; children, Mrs. R. E. Terhune, Mound City.

It was urged that all schools not yet meeting the International standard, make an effort to bring up missing points before Sept. 25th, the official close of the year.

Thursday afternoon, there were two fine addresses, "Educational Evangelism," by Miss Beard, and "Crops, Culture and Christianity," by Mr. Asmus, followed by the installation of officers, and adjournment.

The next county convention is to be held in Oregon, August, 1922.

SECRETARY.

First to Pension Blind.

Missouri now is having its first experience in giving charity direct—pensioning the blind. The state always has helped support in regular institutions the deaf, dumb, blind, insane, feeble-minded and victims of tuberculosis, but never before have public funds been given direct to these unfortunate.

The state pension for the blind was authorized in a constitutional amendment adopted by the voters last November. The last legislature, following the people's mandate, appropriated 3.4 million dollars annually to pay the pensions. To obtain the pension fund Missouri taxpayers this year will pay 2 cents on each \$100 valuation, which is one-fifth of the state, and as nearly equal to the state school fund.

The pension law defines blindness: "Any person having 20-450 part vision or less, without or with properly adjusted glasses."

The pension is \$300 per year provided the applicant's income does not exceed \$750 per year. The unfortunate must make application before the probate judge, and then he must be examined by a reputable oculist, who passes upon his condition, and if entitled to receive the pension the probate judge then certifies to the state auditor, and he is placed on the blind pension roll. The following parties residing in Holt county have made formal application to be placed on this roll, but as yet have not been passed upon and certified to the State Auditor:

George A. Butler, Mound City; Francis M. Springs, Forbes; Ida M. Hood, Forest City; James H. Randall, Forest City; George Paxton, Forbes; Benton Welch, Lewis.

G. M. E.

Next Sunday will be our last Sunday in this conference year. We hope that all members and friends may be able to attend our services.

Preaching at the Oregon church, Sunday, 11 a. m. Preaching at the Nowaday church, next Sunday night, 8 o'clock. You are welcome.

PASTOR.

—Ralph W. Lawrence, of near Craig, returned Wednesday of this week from the Kansas City markets, where he purchased three cars of feeding cattle and one car of stock hogs.